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St Vincent stages Caribbean Cycling Championships

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KINGSTOWN, St Vincent: President of the Caribbean Cycling Federation (CCF), Vincentian Trevor "Sailor", Bailey, is convinced that St. Vincent has set high standards in staging the 8th. Caribbean Cycling Championships.

Bailey was pleased with the execution of the championships. "We did well since we only had about two and half months to plan the championships". This country was called upon to fill the void left by original host Trinidad and Tobago.



From Left: Chairman & Organizer of the Tobago International Cycling Classic, Jeff Charles, Trevor Bailey, President of the International Cycling Union, Pat Mc Quaid.

"This is the way we have to go, where people have to come out and help each other's organization", Bailey, who is also the President of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Cycling Union added.

Invited to the championships were President of the International Cycling Union, Pat Mc Quaid, along with the President of the Pan American Cycling Federation, Jose Manuel Pelez, and Mike Plant of the United States

Cycling Federation.

The championships stage a time trial on Sunday and the road race on Monday, Independence Day.

Donna Mc Mullen of Bermuda was first in the women's time trial, with Lisa Adamson of the British Virgin Islands second Monica Weekes of Barbados was third.

In the men's time trial Willy Roseau of Martinique won in a time of 52 minutes 41 seconds, Louis Teplier of Guadeloupe was second in 53 minutes 27 seconds, with Garth Thompson of Bermuda, third in 54 minutes 9 seconds.

Lisa Adamson won the 31 miles women's segment of the road race. She won in one hour 40 minutes. Mc Mullen followed her and Denise Crebin of Barbados completed the top three. Louis Teplier was the first among the men to cross the finish line in 2 hours 47 minutes 41 seconds, with Augusto Sanchez of Dominican Republic second in 2 hours 47 minutes 42 seconds. Tyler Butterfield was third in 2 hours 47 minutes 46



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At the Closing Ceremony on Monday evening, Jeff Charles, Chairman & Organizer of the Tobago International Cycling Classic was presented with a Special Award by the Caribbean Cycling Association.

With an impressive gathering of the worlds cycling hierarchy and dignitaries seated at the head table, including the President of the World Governing Body for Cycling (UCI); executive member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the Prime Minister of St. Vincent & the Grenadines the honorable Mr. Ralph Gonzales along with a packed house of National Teams and Officials representing 23 countries.

Event Chairman, Trevor 'Sailor' Bailey showered high praise on Jeff for his invaluable and dedicated contribution to the growth and development of Cycling in the Caribbean for the past 15 years.

In congratulating Jeff on his Award, the UCI President, Pat Mc Quaid complimented the Tobago Cycling Classic promoter on his efforts in improving the standard of Caribbean Cycling and suggested that the Tobago Cycling Classic has all the credentials to be registered as an international UCI sanction Event and we need pursue this in a year or two.

In receiving his Award, Jeff thanked the Chairman and the Caribbean Cycling Association executives for inviting him to be part of this year's Event and complimented the management team for staging a very successful and entertaining 2 day Event in St. Vincent.

"We are very fortunate to have dedicated and passionate advocates like your Good Selves, so committed to promoting Caribbean Cycling".

"I am so proud but humble to be presented with this Award. Its times like these that make the thousands of hours of hard work & sacrifice organizing the Tobago Cycling Classic worth every minute. I thank you all for this great gesture".

Next year's Caribbean Senior Cycling championships will be held in Barbados and in Trinidad & Tobago in 2010.

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